



COMMUNIQUÉ TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

Minister of Higher Education and Training's Statement on Government's 2017 Fee Support to Students from Poor, Working and Middle Class Families

Dear Students and Staff

By now you are all aware of the statement released on Monday, 19 September 2016, by Dr BE Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education and Training, on Government's 2017 Fee Support to Students from Poor, Working and Middle Class Families.

Following the announcement by the Minister on the proposed fee increase for 2017, the University has embarked on an extensive process of engaging with all the relevant structures, as we value and embrace the inputs of all our diverse stakeholders.

University Management held a meeting on 20 September 2016 with the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of both the Bloemfontein and Welkom Campuses, where the SRC voiced the concerns, views and arguments of our students.

Furthermore, it was agreed that an urgent meeting of the Student Fees Committee should be arranged for Friday, 23 September 2016, to continue with these vital engagements between students and Management. The outcomes of these engagements will be submitted to the Finance Committee of Council and the University Council, at their special meetings to take place next week.

I would like to thank the student leadership and all our students for the constructive and sensible engagements we have had on this very sensitive matter thus far. Be assured of Management's commitment to engage in a transparent and open manner on issues that are affecting our students and staff.

Let us as a CUT team continue to work together in promoting positive dialogue towards enhanced student support and positive outcomes, and by doing so, continue to grow our University as the leading university of technology in the country.

Kind regards

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